

December 8, 1958

Synopsis of State and Intelligence material reported to the President

KHRUSHCHEV-HUMPHREY

In addition to the material covered in the December 6 Staff Notes, Khrushchev has made the following points to Senator Humphrey:

a. He strongly disparaged the Chinese Communist communes, stating that the USSR had unsuccessfully experimented with a similar organization, and had since shifted to methods which recognize the importance of incentives.

b. He intended to reduce the role of secret police.

c. He stated that the USSR now has a 7500 nautical mile rocket and a 5 megaton bomb using only one-tenth of the fissionable material formerly required.

WEST BERLIN ELECTION

Mayor Willy Brandt's Social Democrat Party won an unprecedented absolute majority in the recent election. (SDP - 850,000; CD - 610,000; Free Democrats - 60,000; German party - 54,000; Communists - 31,500; free peoples - 11,000). This may lead Brandt into open clash with Adenauer. Brandt has differed with Bonn by indicating a willingness to include all of Berlin as a free city and to negotiate the question of West German atomic weapons. The East German Communists failed to approach even their poor 1954 performance in the strong working class districts.



ADENAUER VISIT TO LONDON

Adenauer and Von Brentano plan to visit Macmillan on December 12.

MIDDLE EAST

The ticker tape carries continued reports of clashes between the Iraqis and Syrians on their common border.

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GHANA

The application on the part of Guinea for admission to the UN is making progress with the news that the UK delegation will vote in favor of their admission. Meanwhile, the Soviets have sent a two-man delegation to Guinea, probably to offer assistance on economic problems and press for early exchange of diplomatic representatives. Ghana and Liberia have previously decided in principle to accept Soviet representation.



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